

SENATE BILL No. 477

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 3-11-10-25.

Synopsis: Procedures for voting at residence. Provides that if the requirements concerning the composition of an absentee voter board are met, a candidate, political party, or political action committee may not appoint or request a watcher to accompany an absentee voter board that visits a confined person's residence or place of confinement.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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January 13, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1998 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 3-11-10-25 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 25. (a) Voters who are
3 entitled to vote by absentee ballot because of:
4 (1) illness or injury; or
5 (2) caring for a confined person at a private residence;
6 under IC 3-11-4-1 and who are within the county on election day may
7 vote before an absentee voter board or by mail.
8 (b) If requested by a voter described in subsection (a) or by a voter
9 with disabilities whose precinct is not accessible to voters with
10 disabilities, an absentee voter board shall visit the voter's place of
11 confinement, the residence of the voter with disabilities, or the private
12 residence:
13 (1) during the regular office hours of the circuit court clerk;
14 (2) at a time agreed to by the board and the voter;
15 (3) on any of the twelve (12) days immediately before election
16 day; and
17 (4) only once before an election, unless:



(A) the confined voter is unavailable at the time of the board's first visit due to a medical emergency; or

(B) the board, in its discretion, decides to make an additional visit.

(c) This subsection applies to a voter confined due to illness or injury. An absentee voter board may not be denied access to the voter's place of confinement if the board is present at the place of confinement at a time:

(1) agreed to by the board and the voter; and

(2) during the regular office hours of the circuit court clerk. A person who knowingly violates this subsection commits obstruction or interference with an election officer in the discharge of the officer's duty, a violation of IC 3-14-3-4.

(d) The county election board, by unanimous vote of the board's entire membership, may authorize an absentee voter board to visit a voter who is confined due to illness or injury and will be outside of the county on election day in accordance with the procedures set forth in subsection (b).

(e) If the requirements of section 36(b) of this chapter regarding the composition of an absentee voter board are met, a candidate, political party, or political action committee may not appoint or request a watcher to accompany an absentee voter board that visits a confined voter's residence or place of confinement under this section.

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